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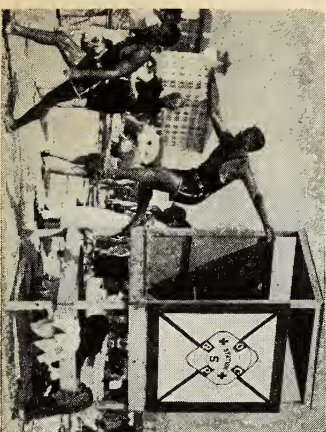


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ected, the guards rush to the boat and shove off.

Besides the water rescues, the doctors last summer treated 4,026 cases in the hospital tents, ranging from cut feet to broken arms and legs caused by attempting human pyramids and other athletic feats.

The beach patrol was organized prior to the season of 1920 by Capt. Jernee, who resigned from the U. S. Coast Guard at the call of the city. Being convinced of the superiority of the Red Cross Life-Saving, he has not only required that all corps members be accredited life-savers, but has done much to spread knowledge of the system through the daily drills of the corps on the beach and periodical demonstrations in the bathing pool of a local hotel. He also has designed his own lookout stations,



Look-outs rushing from their station at the call for help

Leander's Hellespont Feat

Surpassed in Water Tests

Leander in swimming the Hellespont in his armor had an easy time compared with candidates undergoing Red Cross Life-Saving tests, in the opinion of a newspaper writer who observed the water safety classes conducted under the Campbell County, Ky., Chapter.

"Although in this day of radio, chewing-gum and one-man cars there is no armor to impede the prospective life-saver," the journalist says, "he must swim to deep water, take off the prosaic garments of today and then swim 100 yards. If he lives through this, he must swim some distance out and recover three times an object which is thrown to the bottom, and recover once a ten-pound weight. If the contestant is still able to wiggle, he must go through the four carries by which water victims are carried on shore. Surviving this, the life-saving instructor swims with him to deep water and begins a ferocious attack which to the innocent bystander looks like a deliberate attempt to drown him."

After a dramatic account of breaking death grips, the writer describes resuscitation methods and closes with a picture of the successful candidates strutting before admiring crowds "with chests thrown out and the coveted insignia of the American Red Cross Life-Saving Corps prominently displayed on their bathing suits."

closet, filled with emergency supplies, aroused popular interest. First Aid kits and literature drew attention to an important service. The Life-Saving exhibit brought in recruits for training in water safety. The Chapter has 13 qualified examiners. It was a surprise to most visitors to learn that the Chapter should still find work to do for disabled veterans. An exhibit was on view of articles made by volunteers, which are not supplied by the Government in its hospitals, such as sweaters, laundry bags, bedside bags and other comforts. What the Christmas bags are and what they mean to soldiers, sailors and marines on remote insular and foreign duty were also explained. The Chapter also sends jams and jellies to veterans undergoing treatment. The reception room was decorated with Red Cross pictures and posters. Quarters are provided in the house for the Home Service secretary and a room is equipped for First Aid.

William Graef, Chairman, and the other officers of the Chapter received the visitors at the house-warming.

Production Zeal Uncooled

"Interest in production is almost as great as it was in war days," says a field representative after a visit to the Hampshire County, Mass., Chapter. The Chapter has accepted its quota of sweaters. Life Saving service reports that 525 persons in the county were taught to swim last summer.



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Braille 52 Books During Summer

Volunteers Produce 304 Volumes for Blind in Three Months

Miss Margaret D. McGuffey, librarian, Room for the Blind, in the Library of Congress, has been appointed Director of Braille, in charge of transcribing. Miss Adelia M. Hoyt has been appointed Assistant Director, and will be responsible for handling the technical part of the work.

Despite the allurements of the summer season, Braille transcribers in July, August, and September increased their contribution to blind readers by 52 books of 304 volumes. This volunteer activity has been given fresh impetus by the new manual, "Braille Transcribing," as is shown by scores of letters received from transcribers.

On the report of Braille transcribing for July, August, and September the books cover a wide range of subjects. A novelty for the blind readers is contributed by Detroit Brailleists in a transcription of ten modern plays of outstanding merit. These include "The Emperor Jones," by Eugene O'Neill; "The First Year," by Frank Craven; "Liliom," by Ferenc Molnar; "Enter Madame," by Bares and Byrne; "The Green Goddess," by William Archer; "Mary Rose," by J. M. Barrie; "Nice People," by Rachel Crothers; "The Bad Man," by P. E. Brown; "The Skin Game," by John Galsworthy; "Deburau," by Sacha Guitry. The Junior League of Detroit also contributed "Flappers and Philosophers," by F. S. Fitzgerald; "Wessex Tales," by Thomas Hardy, and "Dreams," by Olive Schreiner.

The report places to the credit of the New York County, N. Y., Chapter these works: "Christianity and Progress," by Harry Emerson Fosdick; "Under the Red Robe," by Stanley Weyman; "Old New York," by Edith Wharton; "David Blaize of Kings," by E. F. Benson; "The Dance of Life," by Havelock Ellis; "The Lady of the Decoration," by Frances Little; "The Harp-Weaver and Other Poems," by Edna St. V. Millay; "A Cathedral Courtship" and "Penelope's English Experiences," by Kate Douglas Wiggin; "Swinging Lanterns," by Elizabeth Enders and "Joshua Barney," by Ralph D. Paine.

From the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter: "Both Sides of the Shield," by Major Archibald W. Butt; "North," by J. B. Hendryx; "The Story of the Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke; "Extricating Obadiab," by Joseph C. Lincoln; "Tramping With a Poet in the Rockies," by Stephen Graham; "Mary, Mary," by James Stephens; "The Show-Off," by William A. Wolff; "Uncle William," by Jeannette Lee; "The Ebb-Tide," by Stevenson.

From the San Francisco Chapter: "The Master of Man," by Hall Caine; "My Garden of Memory," by Kate Douglas Wiggin.

Another transcription of "Joshua Barney," by Ralph D. Paine, has been made by the Santa Barbara, Calif., Chapter, which also did "Mister Podd," by Freeman Tilden. The Baltimore, Md., Chapter has produced "Greyfriars Bobby," by Eleanor Atkinson. William Barton's "Safed and Keturah" comes from the Brooklyn, N. Y., Chapter. Other works are: "The Three Hostages," by John Buchan, and "A Maker of History," by E. P. Oppenheim, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Chapter; "The Open Spaces," by J. C. Van Dyke, Glencove Branch, Mineola, N. Y.; "Dangerous Ages," by Rose Macauley, Pasadena, Calif., Chapter; "Lord Jim," by Conrad, Salem, Mass., Branch; "North of 36," by Emerson Hough, Newark, N. J., Chapter; "The Crown of Individuality," by W. G. Jordan, Westerly, R. I., Chapter; Kipling's "Barrack-Room Ballads," Newton, Mass., Chapter, which also did Curwood's "The Alaskan."

"Carnac's Folly," by Gilbert Parker, comes from the Hickory, N. C., Chapter; "Heirs Apparent," by Philip Gibbs, Providence, R. I., Chapter, which also copied Stackpole's "The Beach of Dreams"; "The Eagle and the Wrenn," by Roland Pertwee, Boston Metropolitan Chapter; "The Fascinating Stranger," by Booth Tarkington, and "The Spinster of this Parrish," by W. D. Maxwell, New London, Conn., Chapter; "Further Adventures of Lad," by A. P. Terhune, Bronxville, N. Y., Branch; Papini's "Life of Christ," Gloucester, Va., Chapter; "The Thundering Herd," by Zane Grey, Nowaday County, Mo., Chapter; "The Little French Girl," by Anne Douglas Sedgwick, and "Calvin Coolidge," by E. E. Whiting, Chicago, Ill., Chapter; "The Worn Doorstep," by Margaret Sherwood, Hampshire County, Mass., Chapter.

Miss Mary Esther Sawyer, librarian of the Perkins Institute for the Blind at Watertown, Mass., informs Miss McGuffey that copies of the new "Braille Transcribing" manual have been set aside for the use of the Harvard University class in Braille. She compliments the authors on the clearness and conciseness of the manual and asks for more copies.

Labor a Field of Service

Red Cross Chapters are appealed to in filling various needs. An unusual request was recently received for cotton pickers, addressed to the Joplin, Mo., Chapter in a letter from the *Mayes County Republican*, a newspaper published at Pryor, Okla. The editor says there is an emergency in this shortage of pickers throughout the county and asks Joplin men or women needing work to come to the rescue.

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Voice of the Press on Red Cross Topics

"A Large Return"

(From the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gazette.)

At least one family in Cedar Rapids got a large return last week from a small investment. A Boy Scout who had taken free lessons in life-saving and first aid through the Red Cross Committee that is promoting this work, saved his chum from drowning. The life of one boy rescued from a watery grave compensates the community for its entire Red Cross investment.

The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. each has an indoor pool. Each gives lessons in swimming and life saving. The Boy Scouts, the pioneer organizations train their members in first aid. The Red Cross has offered and given assistance to these organizations.

Until Cedar Rapids obtains a civic swimming pool to be used by the public all the year through as the parks are used in summer months, it would seem desirable if one or both of the indoor pools could be turned over to the public for certain hours each week. In this way, the civic playground commission and Red Cross could promote a city-wide interest in swimming and life-saving. It may be that the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. boards would consider their institutions to be sufficiently general in character to permit such arrangements. No one can estimate how many accidents have been prevented this year by the knowledge of life-saving, swimming and first aid that is being spread in this community. Our institutions should do their utmost to extend such practical education.

"Overcomes Red Tape"

(From the Echo, Halifax, N. S.)

The Red Cross has its mission in peace time as well as when the war guns boom. The story of the Eskimos "captured" at Wrangel Island by a Bolshevik crew is a case in point. They were taken by force to Siberia and then deported. China refused to admit them and there they were, alone and friendless in a strange and hostile land. No one was willing to help them get back home. Then the Red Cross steps in and advances \$1,600 to pay for transportation of these unfortunates from Vladivostok to Seattle, an easy step to their native shores. It is a good illustration of the importance of this organization in this civilization of ours. Red tape balks at charity, but the Red Cross delights in it.

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Clean Record for Populous Beach

Red Cross Guards Cover Eight Miles at Ocean City, N. J.

TO patrol a beach eight miles long, where 150,000 bathers disport daily in the height of the season, without the loss of a single life by drowning, is the record of the Ocean City, N. J., Beach Patrol for six successive summers. And this record has not been due to mere precautionary measures, as 523 actual rescues were accomplished in the season just closed.

Some of the unconscious bathers were removed from water 25 feet deep, being under as long as five minutes. One victim did not recover until the Schaefer prone pressure method of resuscitation had been applied for two hours and 20 minutes. These accidents occurred despite the maintenance of boat patrols marking the swimming line and the danger signs at points rendered unsafe by backwashes and undertows.

The patrol at Ocean City is composed entirely of Red Cross Life-Savers. Red Cross methods are standard with them. There are 60 members of the patrol under Capt. Jack G. Jernee, in addition to two doctors attached to the ambulance which serves the five hospital tents placed at strategic points along the beach. The guards are stationed in 16 lookout stands

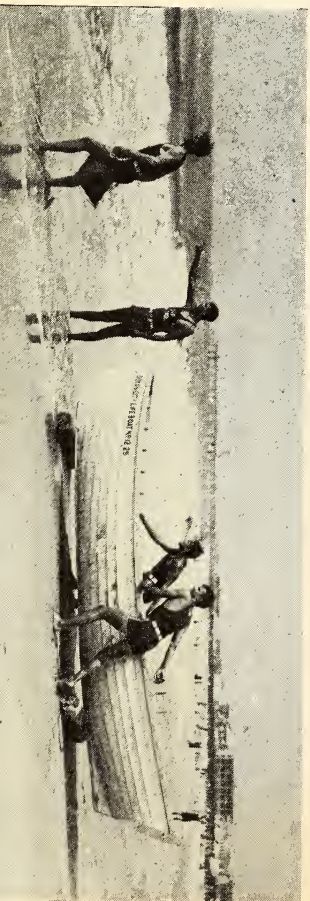
invented the "water can," or tin life buoy used in his service, and introduced other original features.

Demonstrations are held in the pool at night and are attended by crowds of 1,500 or more. All forms of Red Cross water safety are shown both on land and in the water, including the breaking of death grips and the various methods of carrying the victim ashore, while other systems of resuscitation are contrasted with Schaefer prone pressure to prove its superiority over all others. Canoe tilting, comic features such as walking a greased pole, and diving to recover objects add interest to the program.

Chapter Opens Home With Exhibit of Services

A handsome, new six-room bungalow, designed and equipped for Red Cross service, is now housing the Long Beach, Calif., Chapter, replacing the home destroyed by fire several years ago.

The public opening of the new home gave the Chapter an exceptional opportunity to inform the public of its work. Crowds of visitors came and, from talks with Chapter workers and from the exhibits, they carried away a new conception of the Chapter's activities. In one room a demonstration was conducted in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick, with the result that many visitors enrolled in the course to be conducted this winter. The Disaster Relief



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